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THE WHITE EVENT

In a reality similar to our own, Earth was bombarded briefly by a strange energy from unknown derivations. The event resulted in a worldwide phenomenon: Two out of every million people developed paranormal abilities. Some of these paranormals used their new powers for good, some for evil, but everyone on Earth shared the realization that they now lived in a NEW UNIVERSE.

The Clinic For Paranormal Research has offered therapy for paranormals to come to terms with their powers. However, seven patients at the Clinic learned that the facility had sinister plans for its clients, molding them towards some secret goal of its chief, Philip Nolan Voigt.

On the run and unable to trust anyone, the seven displaced paranormals are: Charlotte Beck, a dancer with the power to increase or decrease friction; Dennis "Scuzz" Cuzinski, a teenager who secretes acid; Lenore Fenzl, an elderly woman who produces a tranquilizing light; Stephanie Harrington, a housewife who generates energy that invigorates and heals others; David Landers, whose body is constantly adding new muscles and mass; Randy O'Brien, a doctor able to summon a shadowy "Anti-Body" from his chest; and Jeff Walters, who moves so fast that he seems to be a blur.

THE DEAD PLAINS SEVEN

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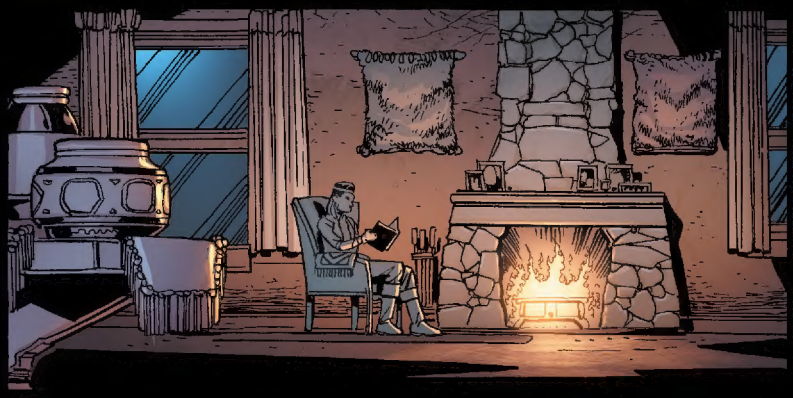
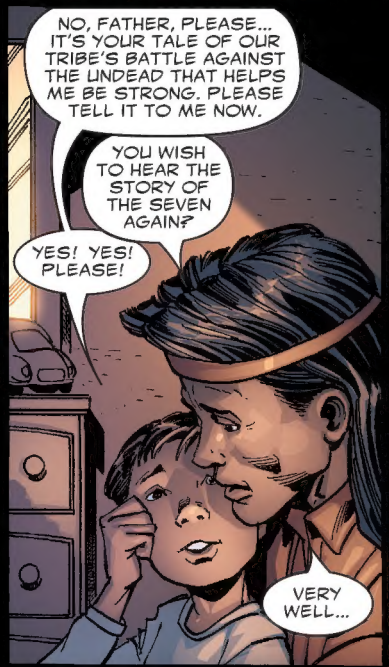
KESHENA, WISCONSIN. PRESENT DAY.

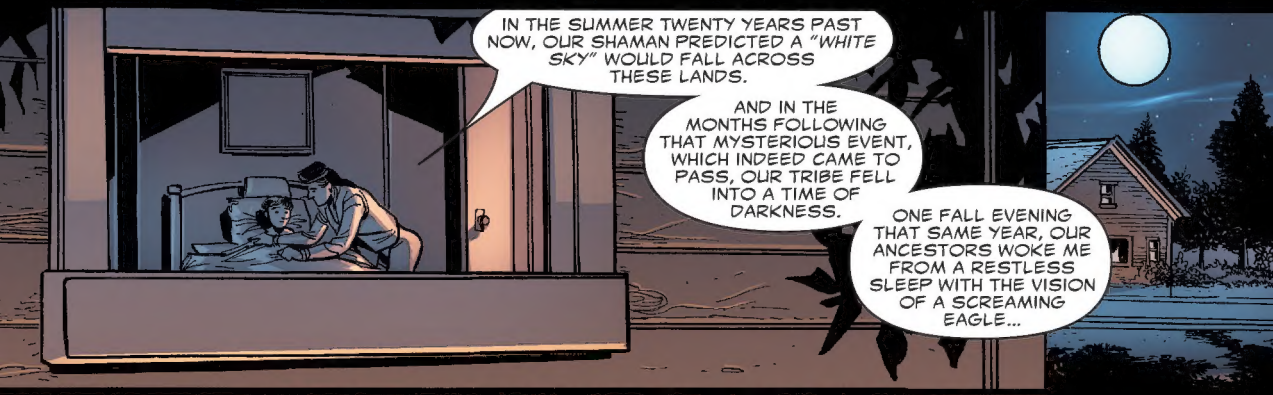


YYAAAHHHH!

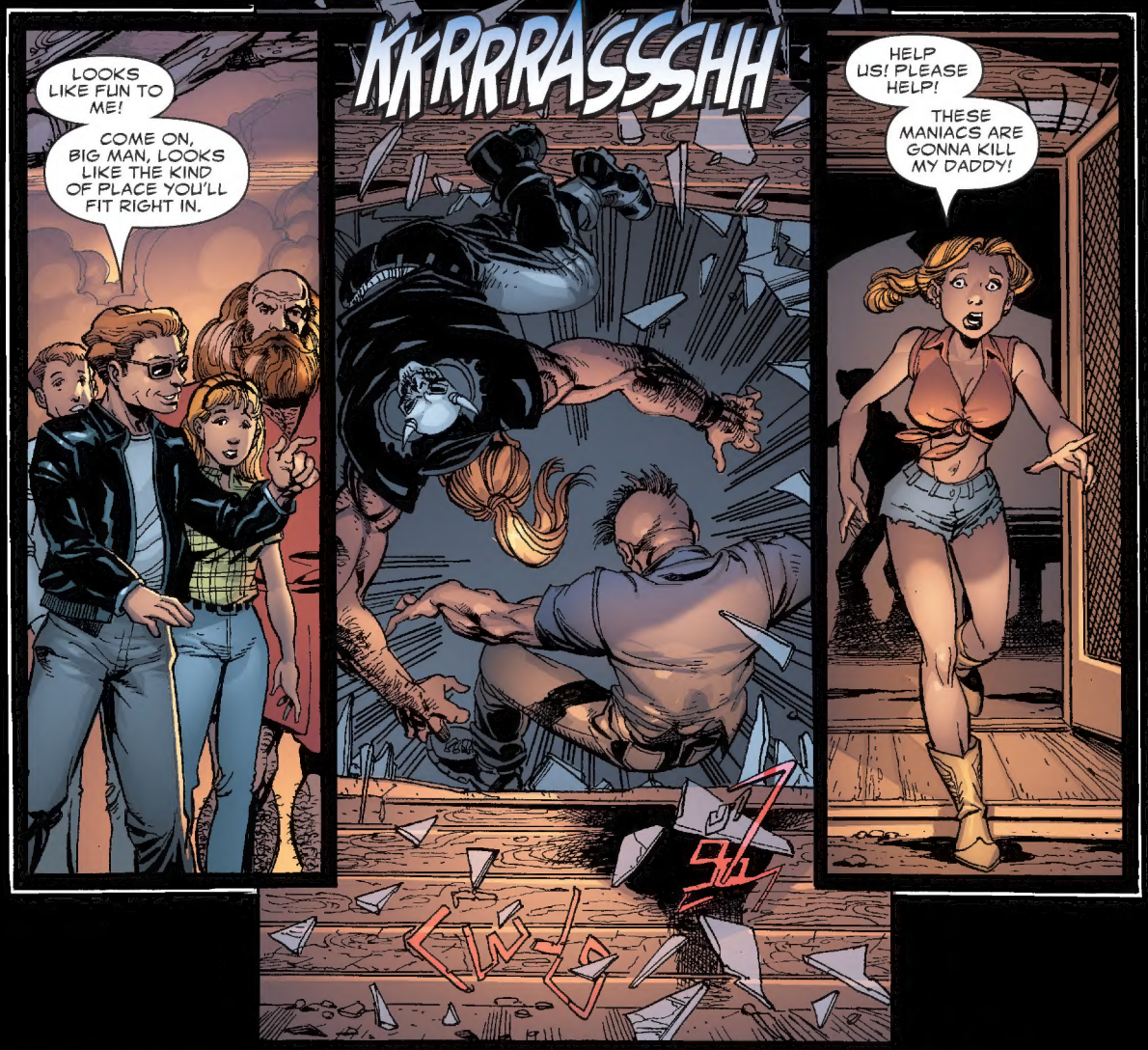
WAHHHH!!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MITCHELL. IT WAS ONLY A DREAM.

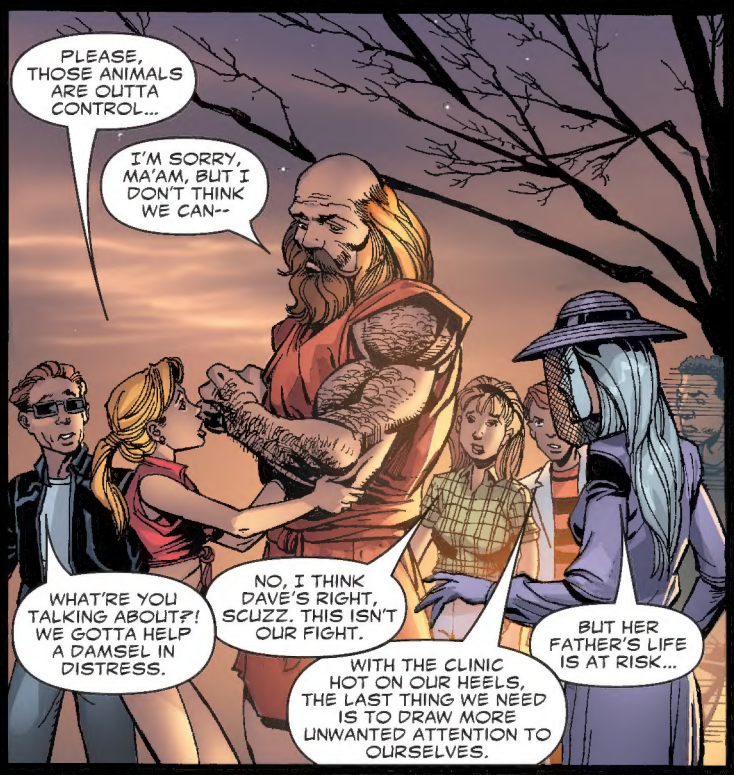
BUT THE DREAMS ARE SO REAL, FATHER.
THE DEAD RISING FROM THEIR GRAVES AGAIN?!
YES.
...
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TOLD YOU OF OUR PAST.


NO, FATHER, PLEASE... IT'S YOUR TALE OF OUR TRIBE'S BATTLE AGAINST THE UNDEAD THAT HELPS ME BE STRONG. PLEASE TELL IT TO ME NOW.
YOU WISH TO HEAR THE STORY OF THE SEVEN AGAIN?
YES! YES! PLEASE!
VERY WELL...


IN THE SUMMER TWENTY YEARS PAST NOW, OUR SHAMAN PREDICTED A "WHITE SKY" WOULD FALL ACROSS THESE LANDS.
AND IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THAT MYSTERIOUS EVENT, WHICH INDEED CAME TO PASS, OUR TRIBE FELL INTO A TIME OF DARKNESS.
ONE FALL EVENING THAT SAME YEAR, OUR ANCESTORS WOKE ME FROM A RESTLESS SLEEP WITH THE VISION OF A SCREAMING EAGLE...

SCREAMING EAGLE
JUST OUTSIDE KESHENA, WISCONSIN. LATE OCTOBER 1986.
SCREAMING EAGLE
BEER
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

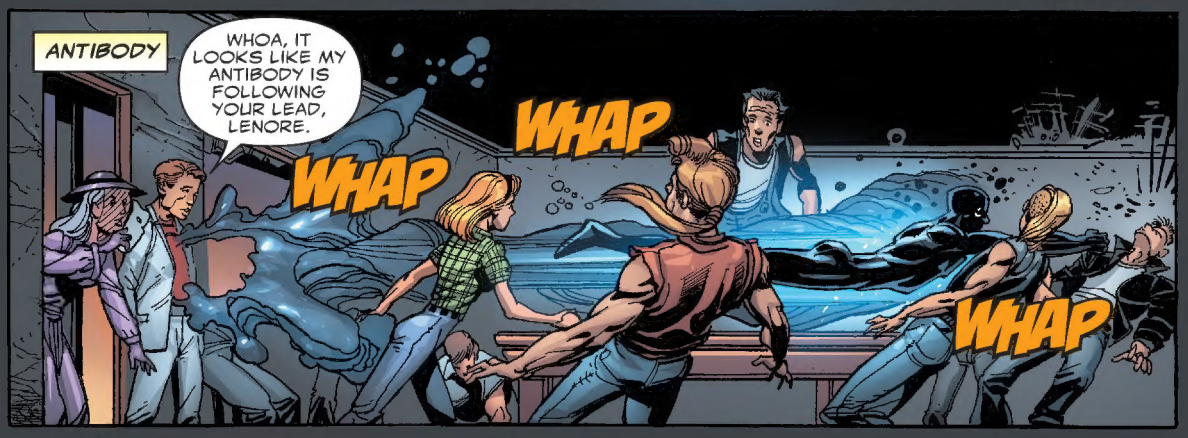

LOOKS LIKE FUN TO ME!
COME ON, BIG MAN, LOOKS LIKE THE KIND OF PLACE YOU'LL FIT RIGHT IN.
KKRRRASSSHH
HELP US! PLEASE HELP!
THESE MANIACS ARE GONNA KILL MY DADDY!

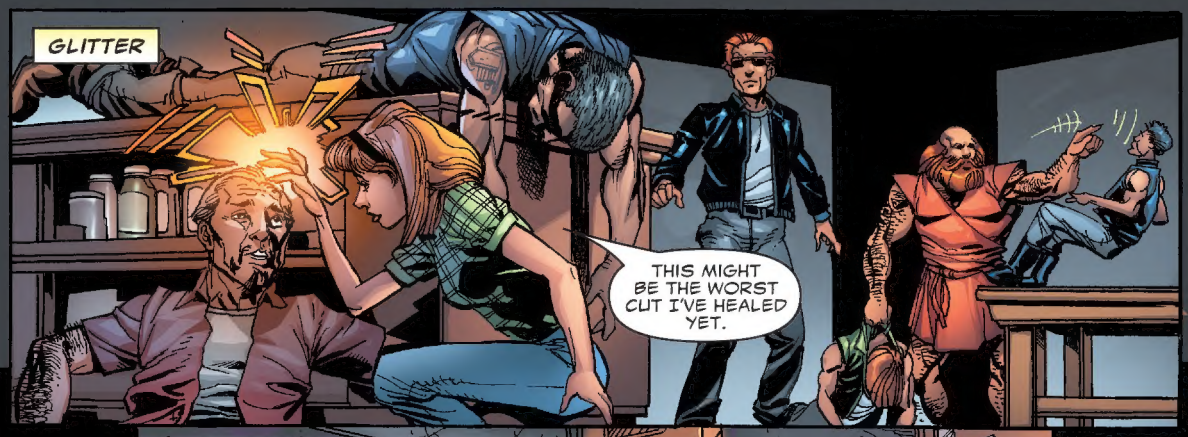

PLEASE, THOSE ANIMALS ARE OUTTA CONTROL...
I'M SORRY, MA'AM, BUT I DON'T THINK WE CAN--
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE GOTTA HELP A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS.
NO, I THINK DAVE'S RIGHT, SCUZZ. THIS ISN'T OUR FIGHT.
WITH THE CLINIC HOT ON OUR HEELS, THE LAST THING WE NEED IS TO DRAW MORE UNWANTED ATTENTION TO OURSELVES.
BUT HER FATHER'S LIFE IS AT RISK...

I'M SICK OF SITTIN' ON MY HANDS. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS AND BE OUT BEFORE YA KNOW IT.
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BLUR!
IT'S LIKE LOGGINS SAYS... TONIGHT I GOTTA CUT LOOSE!

BLUR
I SHOULD BE TAKING ON TYSON NEXT MONTH!
WHAK
WHAK
WHAK
WHAK
FRICTION
THWAP
CAN'T HIT WHAT YOU CAN'T TOUCH.
THWAP
SCUZZ
ALIENS AIN'T THE ONLY ONES WITH ACID FOR BLOOD!
FFWWWSSSHHH
FFWWWSSSHHH
MASTODON
YOU BOYS BEST LAY OFF BEFORE SOMEONE REALLY GETS HURT!
THWAMM
WHAMM

TWILIGHT
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY I CAN FREEZE AT ONCE.


ANTIBODY
WHOA, IT LOOKS LIKE MY ANTIBODY IS FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD, LENORE.
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP


GLITTER
THIS MIGHT BE THE WORST CUT I'VE HEALED YET.

SEVEN DISPLACED PARANORMALS
NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL TEAMWORK!

WHAT'D YOU FREAKS DO TO MY BAR?
US? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME?!
WE TOTALLY SAVED THIS PLACE!
AND I HEALED YOUR WOUNDS.
WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU DID TO MY HEAD, GOLDIE?! BLEEDING TO DEATH MAY HAVE BEEN A MERCY.
BEER
NOW GO ON AND GET OUTTA HERE 'FORE I CALL THE FBI!
OR GHOSTBUSTERS!
KA-CHIK
THAT'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU.
AND YOU ALL WANT TO STAY IN THIS STATE?
SO WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GO NOW?
I BELIEVE I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU IN THAT REGARD.
MY NAME IS KESO, AND YOU SEVEN ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN ME ON MY LANDS.

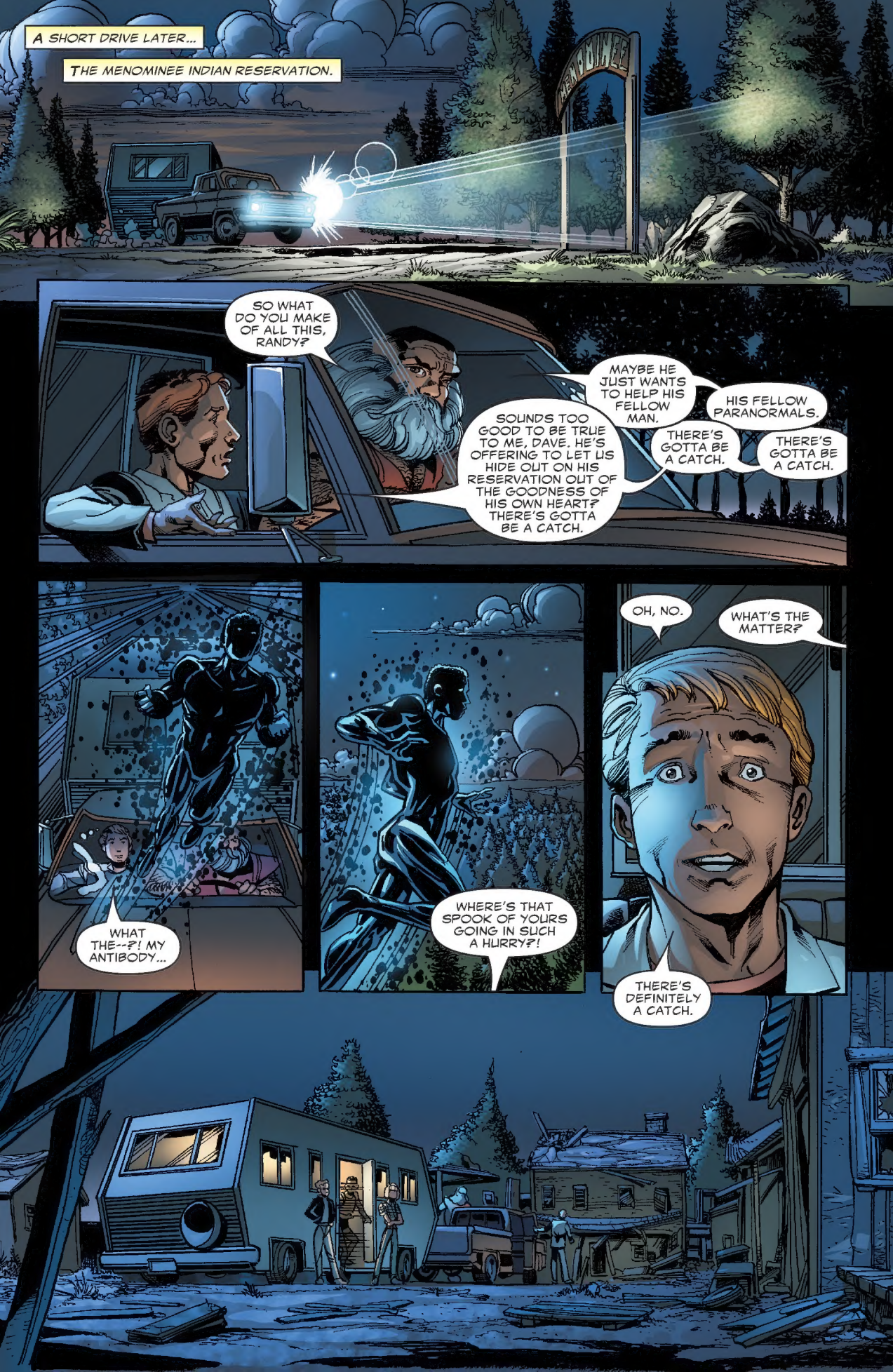
WHO ARE YOU?! HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT WITH THE CLINIC?!
PLEASE, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CLINIC YOU SPEAK OF.
I AM OF THE MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE. OUR RESERVATION IS NOT FAR FROM HERE AND I CAN OFFER YOU FOOD AND SHELTER.

DID YOU SAY FOOD, MY MAN?
HANDS OFF THE SUGAR DADDY, SCUZZIE!
SMAK

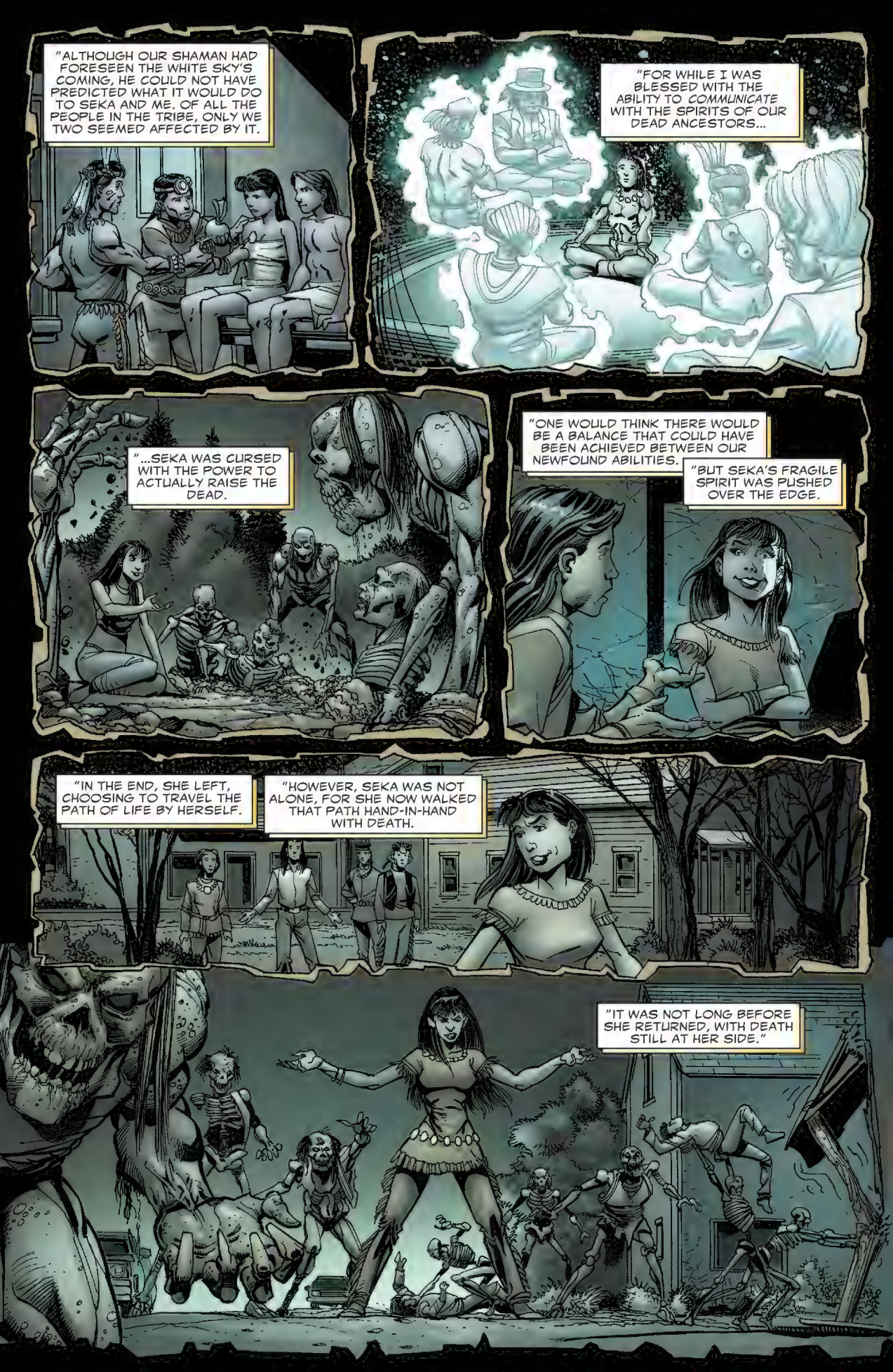
WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE HERE, KIMOSABE? WHAT'S IN THIS FOR YOU?
I HAD A VISION WHICH LED ME HERE...TO YOU! FOR WHAT REASON, I DID NOT KNOW, UNTIL SEEING WHAT YOU DID TO THE BIKERS.
WITNESSING YOUR FANTASTIC ABILITIES FIRSTHAND, I QUICKLY CAME TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE DREAM SPIRITS LED ME TO YOU.

FOR YOU SEE, MY SISTER AND I HAVE ABILITIES MUCH LIKE YOURS!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE PARANORMAL TOO?
THIS EVENING JUST KEEPS ON GETTING MORE INTERESTING, DON'T IT?


A SHORT DRIVE LATER...
THE MENOMINEE INDIAN RESERVATION.
SO WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF ALL THIS, RANDY?
SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE TO ME, DAVE. HE'S OFFERING TO LET US HIDE OUT ON HIS RESERVATION OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF HIS OWN HEART? THERE'S GOTTA BE A CATCH.
MAYBE HE JUST WANTS TO HELP HIS FELLOW MAN.
HIS FELLOW PARANORMALS.
THERE'S GOTTA BE A CATCH.
THERE'S GOTTA BE A CATCH.
WHAT THE--?! MY ANTIBODY...
WHERE'S THAT SPOOK OF YOURS GOING IN SUCH A HURRY?!
OH, NO.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE'S DEFINITELY A CATCH.

LATER...
WOMPUS GONE WILD?
YOU KNOW OF THE LEGENDARY CREATURE?
LET'S JUST SAY WE HAD A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING WITH ONE LAST WEEK.
NO WOMPUS CAUSED ALL THIS DESTRUCTION. IN THIS CASE, IT WAS SOMETHING MUCH WORSE.
THIS WAS MY SISTER'S DOING.
"BEING ONE OF THE FEW GIRLS GROWING UP IN OUR TRIBE, MY YOUNGER SISTER SEKA HAS LONG BEEN THE OBJECT OF MUCH...UNWANTED ATTENTION HERE ON THE RESERVATION.
"I TRIED MY BEST TO PROTECT HER FROM THE EVILS OF THE WORLD AROUND US...
YOU MUST FIND THE STRENGTH WITHIN YOU, SEKA.
"...UNTIL THAT FATEFUL DAY THIS PAST JULY WHEN THE EVIL EMBRACED HER."


"ALTHOUGH OUR SHAMAN HAD FORESEEN THE WHITE SKY'S COMING, HE COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED WHAT IT WOULD DO TO SEKA AND ME. OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE TRIBE, ONLY WE TWO SEEMED AFFECTED BY IT.
"FOR WHILE I WAS BLESSED WITH THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPIRITS OF OUR DEAD ANCESTORS...
"...SEKA WAS CURSED WITH THE POWER TO ACTUALLY RAISE THE DEAD.
"ONE WOULD THINK THERE WOULD BE A BALANCE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BETWEEN OUR NEWFOUND ABILITIES.
"BUT SEKA'S FRAGILE SPIRIT WAS PUSHED OVER THE EDGE.
"IN THE END, SHE LEFT, CHOOSING TO TRAVEL THE PATH OF LIFE BY HERSELF.
"HOWEVER, SEKA WAS NOT ALONE, FOR SHE NOW WALKED THAT PATH HAND-IN-HAND WITH DEATH.
"IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE SHE RETURNED, WITH DEATH STILL AT HER SIDE."

JUST WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU DRAGGED US INTO?
SO EVERYONE ELSE IN YOUR TRIBE IS DEAD?
NO, WHILE MANY WERE KILLED, MOST OF OUR TRIBE FLED. HOWEVER, A FEW OF US, INCLUDING THE ELDERS, HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY AND FIGHT.
WE REFUSE TO BE DRIVEN FROM OUR LANDS, ESPECIALLY BY ONE OF OUR OWN. WE BELIEVE THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO STOP SEKA AND CURE HER MADNESS.
YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVEN'T SEEN THE EXORCIST.
MY POWERS MANIFESTED THIS PAST SUMMER AS WELL, RANDY. DO YOU THINK THIS "WHITE SKY" HE'S SPEAKING ABOUT COULD ALSO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH US?
I'M NOT SURE, LENORE, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE...
SO NOW YOU WANT OUR HELP IN FIGHTING...THE UNDEAD?!
THIS IS NUTS! EVERYONE KNOWS THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS ZOMBIES!
JUST LIKE THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN RUN AT SUPER-SPEED OR PARALYZE PEOPLE BY LOOKING AT THEM?
YES, I BELIEVE MY VISION LED ME TO YOU FOR A REASON. YOU ARE THE KEY TO DEFEATING MY SISTER AND SAVING OUR TRIBE.
IS THAT RIGHT?! THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST USE YOUR POWERS AND ASK YOUR SPIRITS IF THAT'S THE CASE?
MY ABILITIES DO NOT WORK LIKE THAT. THE SPIRITS ACT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD. THEY COME TO SPEAK WITH ME WHEN IT PLEASES THEM TO DO SO.
I KNOW HOW THAT GOES.
IF YOU'D TOLD ME THAT STORY A FEW MONTHS AGO, KESO, I WOULD HAVE HAD YOU COMMITTED. BUT THESE DAYS, AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, AS CRAZY AS IT SOUNDS, I BELIEVE YOU.
YEAH, IT COULD HAVE BEEN DESTINY THAT BROUGHT YOU TO US. IT ALSO COULD HAVE BEEN PURE DUMB LUCK, FOR ALL WE KNOW. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT WE'RE HERE NOW AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A CHOICE TO MAKE.
IF YOU'LL PLEASE GIVE US UNTIL MORNING, WE'LL DECIDE AS A GROUP WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

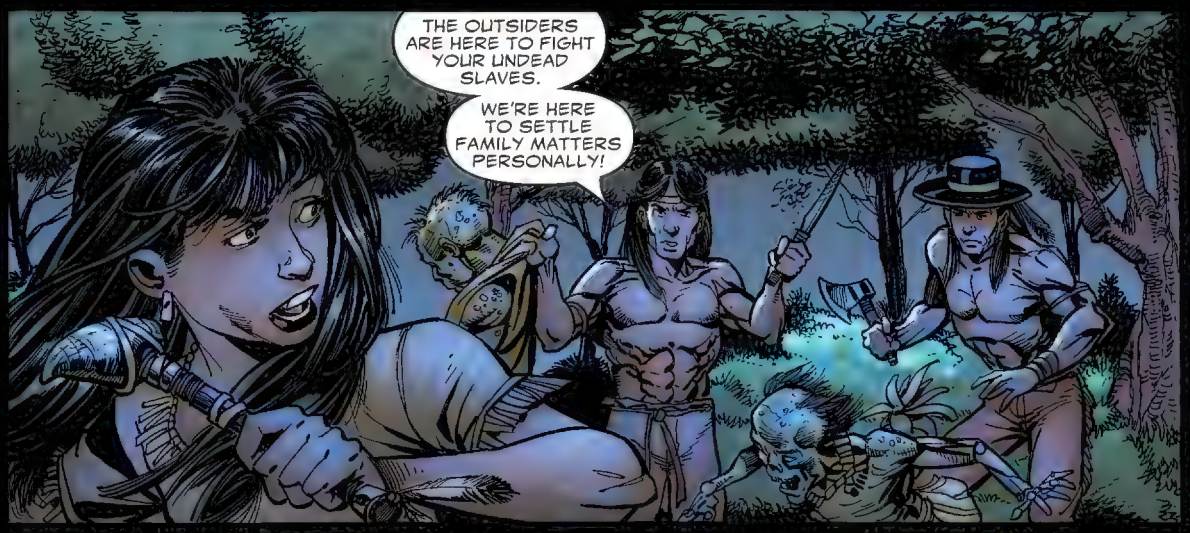
BACK IN THE TRAILER.
I SAY THE BIG MAN HERE GETS BACK INTO THE PICKUP AND HAULS US THE HECK OUT OF HERE.
THESE PEOPLE ARE IN TROUBLE, JEFF. THEY NEED OUR HELP.
CAN'T HELP YOUR OWN FAMILY, SO YOU WANNA TRY AND SAVE THEIRS, GLITTER?
YOU BASTARD... ÷SOB SOB÷
THAT WAS SO UNCALLED FOR, SCUZZ!
WHY YOU INSENSITIVE LITTLE--!!
THAT'S ENOUGH!! STOP ACTING LIKE CHILDREN!
SINCE WE'VE ESCAPED THE CLINIC, ALL WE'VE DONE IS RUN. WE'VE STOLEN, WE'VE HURT PEOPLE AND WE'VE BROKEN LORD KNOWS HOW MANY OTHER LAWS.
WE'RE FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES, LENORE.
YES, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE INNOCENT LIVES OF THOSE AROUND US? HOW MANY PEOPLE MIGHT WE HAVE INADVERTENTLY HARMED IN OUR ESCAPES?
I THINK IT'S TIME WE DID SOMETHING UNSELFISH FOR A CHANGE. I SAY WE USE OUR POWERS TO HELP THESE PEOPLE.
BUT WE'RE FREAKS, NOT HEROES.
MAYBE EVERY NOW AND THEN WE SHOULD START ACTING LIKE HEROES THOUGH.
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT, BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE IN TROUBLE. POWERS OR NOT, I THINK THE HUMAN THING TO DO IS TO HELP KESO AND HIS TRIBE.
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...
SO ARE WE ALL IN AGREEMENT THEN?
THE CLINIC IS ONE THING, BUT AN ARMY OF UNDEAD ZOMBIES?
WHAT? YOU CHICKEN?
ME? NEVER.
I'M IN.
YOU?
THRILLER'S ALWAYS BEEN MY FAVORITE VIDEO.

THE NEXT MORNING...
YOUR GROUP HAS COME TO A CONSENSUS?
YES, WE'VE DECIDED TO OFFER YOU OUR ASSISTANCE.
THANK YOU. WE WILL BE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT.
SEKA AND HER UNDEAD MINIONS ATTACK EVERY FORTNIGHT, HOPING TO BREAK US. THIS TIME WE WILL NOT FIGHT ALONE.
THE SPIRITS OF THE FIVE CLANS WILL BLESS AND PROTECT US IN THE COMING BATTLE.
SHAMAN TOMAH WISHES TO PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT YOU WILL FACE. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURIFY YOUR SPIRITS AND INDUCT YOU INTO THE TRIBE BEFORE TONIGHT'S BATTLE.
TONIGHT?!

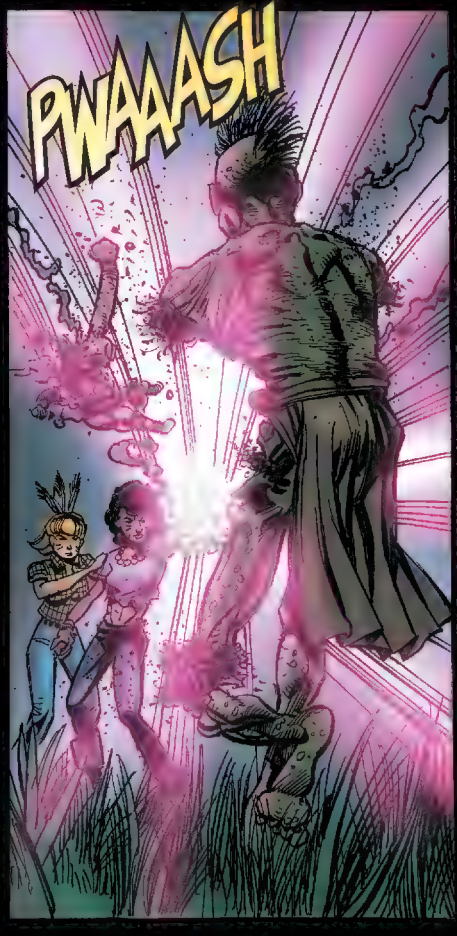
HER DEMONIC ARMY OF UNDEAD WARRIORS WILL EMERGE FIRST. THEY WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. YOU KEEP THEM OCCUPIED...
...SO TOMAH AND I CAN FACE SEKA ON OUR TERMS.
SOMETHING'S COMING!!

HOLY--!!
LOOKS LIKE MICHAEL JACKSON HAD IT EASY, BRO.
FOLLOW MY CRY INTO BATTLE!
HHIIYYAAAHH!

HA! SO MY BROTHER AND THE OLD FOOLS HAVE FOUND SOMEONE TO FIGHT THEIR BATTLE FOR THEM!


THE OUTSIDERS ARE HERE TO FIGHT YOUR UNDEAD SLAVES.
WE'RE HERE TO SETTLE FAMILY MATTERS PERSONALLY!

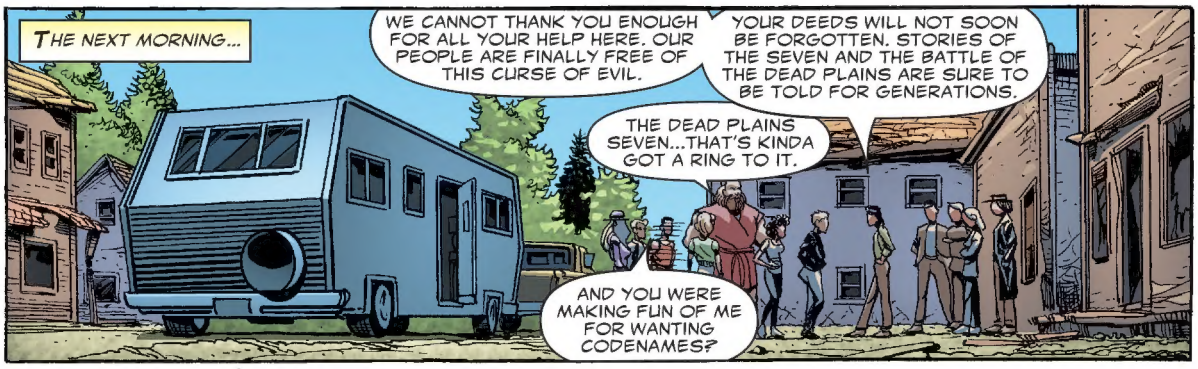
SOMETHING'S HOLDING THESE SKELETONS TOGETHER. MAYBE IF I CAN INCREASE YOUR POWER...
...I CAN MAKE THEIR JOINTS FRICTIONLESS.

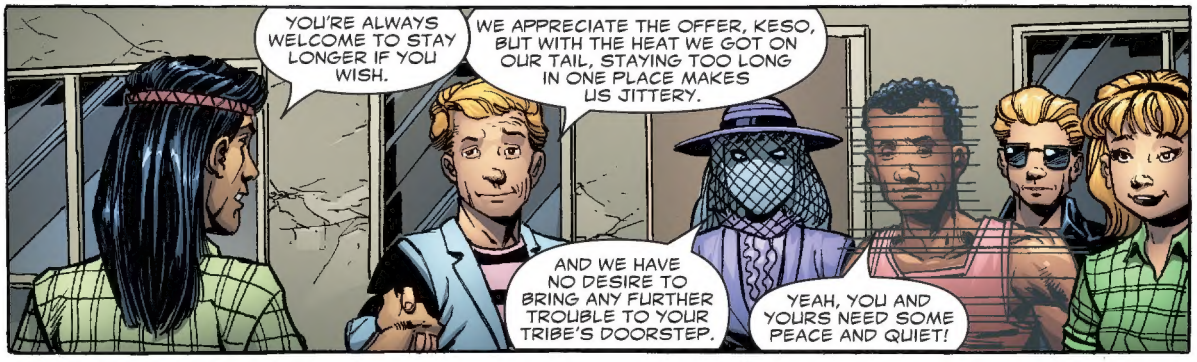

PWAAASH

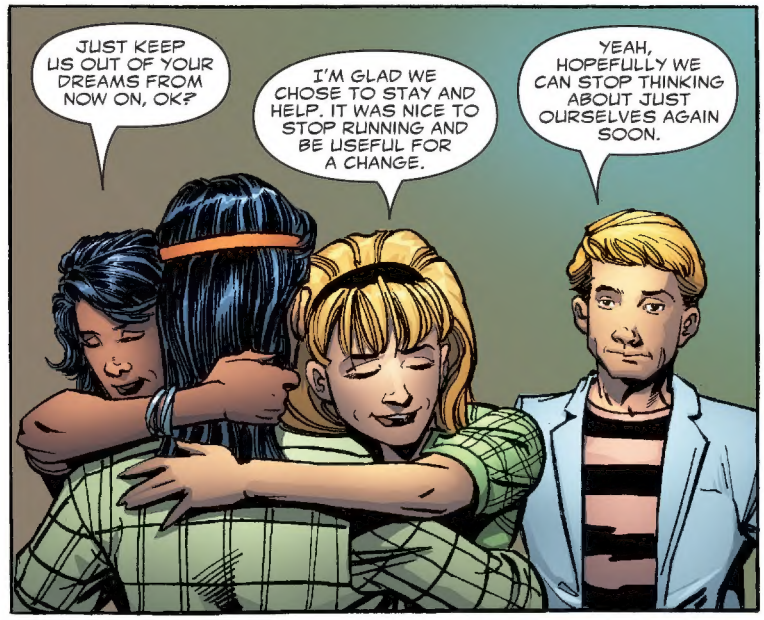
HEY, JUMBO, I GOT AN IDEA. THESE THINGS BURN PRETTY EASILY AT MY TOUCH.
HOW ABOUT GIVING ME A BOOST?
WHOOOSH
FWAASH
FWAASH
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN TO ME? WE NEED YOU, YOU DUMB GHOST!
EVERYONE ELSE CAN CONTROL THEIR POWERS. HOW CAN I LEAD THIS TEAM IF I CAN'T EVEN GET YOU TO DO WHAT I SAY?
ARRRGGGHH!!
ZZRRAAKKT!
WHERE... WHERE DID YOU...GET THIS POWER...?!
JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME, BROTHER, I FOUND THE STRENGTH WITHIN ME!

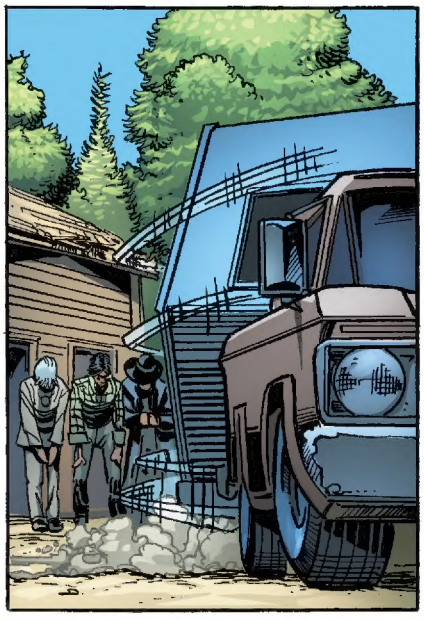
UUUGGHH!
IT IS YOU WHO HAVE LONG BEEN THE WEAK ONE IN OUR FAMILY!
WHAT--?!
NOOOOO!!
FWUUMP
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
THEY'VE STOPPED MOVING!
LOOKS LIKE PLAYTIME'S OVER!

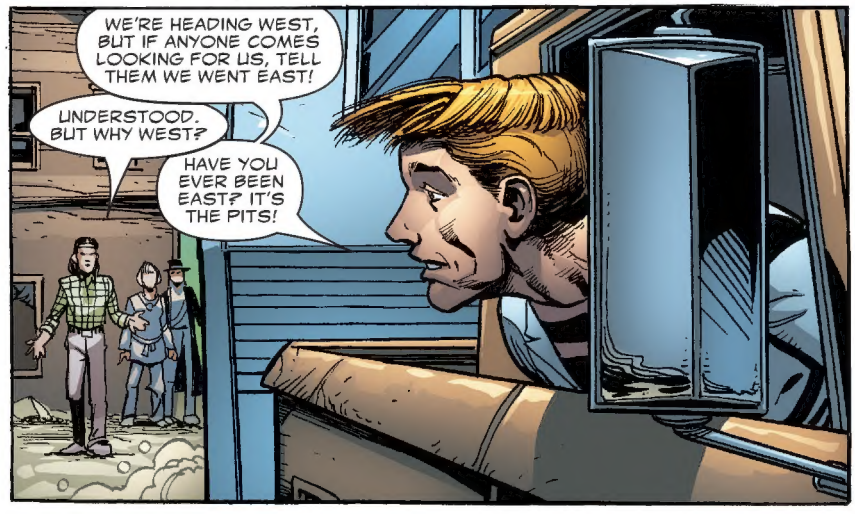
MAN, WE GOTTA PATENT THAT MOVE BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE USES IT!
I'M ALMOST OUT OF JUICE.
LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE BOOST, JEFF.
WAS THIS YOUR DOING, CHARLY?
I WISH.
THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
HE HAPPENED!!
WAY TO GO, BOSS!
YOU'VE DONE WELL, RANDY.
DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE GETTING MORE CONTROL OVER THE ANTIBODY?
NO, THE THING STILL SEEMS TO HAVE A MIND OF ITS OWN.
YOU CAN BE MY WINGMAN ANY TIME.
YOU CAN BE MINE!
THE SPIRITS HAVE SMILED UPON US THIS DAY! THANKS TO YOU, MY FRIENDS, WE EMERGE VICTORIOUS.
IS SHE DEAD?
NO, SHE BREATHES, BUT THERE ARE NO OTHER SIGNS OF LIFE. I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU DID TO HER.
HOWEVER, IT IS NO LESS THAN SHE DESERVES.
SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
THE SHAMAN AND THE ELDERS WILL WATCH OVER SEKA'S BODY AND DECIDE HER FATE.
AS FOR US...WE CELEBRATE!!
NOW I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!


THE NEXT MORNING...
WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL YOUR HELP HERE. OUR PEOPLE ARE FINALLY FREE OF THIS CURSE OF EVIL.
YOUR DEEDS WILL NOT SOON BE FORGOTTEN. STORIES OF THE SEVEN AND THE BATTLE OF THE DEAD PLAINS ARE SURE TO BE TOLD FOR GENERATIONS.
THE DEAD PLAINS SEVEN...THAT'S KINDA GOT A RING TO IT.
AND YOU WERE MAKING FUN OF ME FOR WANTING CODENAMES?


YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME TO STAY LONGER IF YOU WISH.
WE APPRECIATE THE OFFER, KESO, BUT WITH THE HEAT WE GOT ON OUR TAIL, STAYING TOO LONG IN ONE PLACE MAKES US JITTERY.
AND WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO BRING ANY FURTHER TROUBLE TO YOUR TRIBE'S DOORSTEP.
YEAH, YOU AND YOURS NEED SOME PEACE AND QUIET!


JUST KEEP US OUT OF YOUR DREAMS FROM NOW ON, OK?
I'M GLAD WE CHOSE TO STAY AND HELP. IT WAS NICE TO STOP RUNNING AND BE USEFUL FOR A CHANGE.
YEAH, HOPEFULLY WE CAN STOP THINKING ABOUT JUST OURSELVES AGAIN SOON.

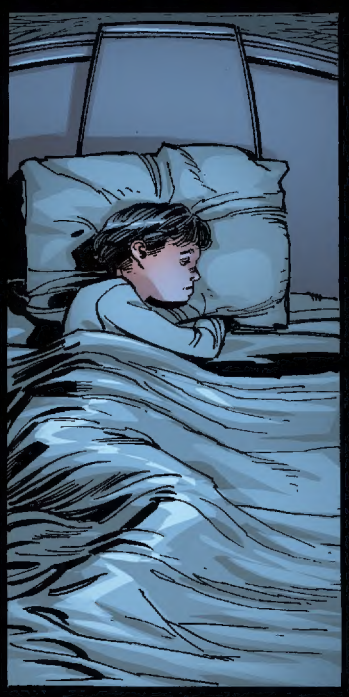



WE'RE HEADING WEST, BUT IF ANYONE COMES LOOKING FOR US, TELL THEM WE WENT EAST!
UNDERSTOOD. BUT WHY WEST?
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN EAST? IT'S THE PITS!

BUT WHAT DID THE ANTI-BODY DO TO SEKA? WAS IT DRAWN TO HER POWER? DID IT STEAL IT FOR ITSELF?
THERE WAS NO WAY OF KNOWING FOR SURE. EVEN RANDY SEEMED CONFUSED BY ITS ACTIONS.
ALTHOUGH I PREFER TO BELIEVE SEKA HERSELF, USING THE LAST BIT OF GOOD WITHIN HER, SUMMONED THE ENERGY BEING TO BRING ABOUT HER OWN DOWNFALL AND SAVE HER SOUL.
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO SEKA?
THAT IS A STORY BEST SAVED FOR ANOTHER DAY, WHEN YOU ARE OLDER.

AND YOU NEVER SAW THE SEVEN AGAIN?
NO, I WAS NEVER TO HEAR FROM THEM AGAIN.
DO YOU STILL THINK OF THEM?
YES, FROM TIME TO TIME. THEY'RE A HARD BUNCH TO FORGET.

GET BACK TO SLEEP NOW, MITCHELL.
MAYBE THE DEAD PLAINS SEVEN WILL VISIT YOU IN YOUR DREAMS.
I HOPE SO, FATHER.



HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

THE END.

new universe news

1986.

Some of us weren't even born yet, but for those who were already comic fans on a steady diet of Mighty Marvel and DC books, a new line descended from the towering 10th floor of Marvel's then-Park Avenue offices, promising a bold new era of greatness. **THE NEW UNIVERSE** launched with eight all-new titles, written and illustrated by a cadre of the era's most talented veteran and rookie creators. What made this new universe stand out was a sense of realism that had been lost in a world of mutants, galactic planet eaters, gods and impossible technologies. **THE NEW UNIVERSE** was to take place in the world outside our window, referencing real-world people, things and events. Of course, once the "White Event" happened—the paranormal force that gave many of the line's heroes their super powers—the "real" world started getting kind of strange.

Creating a new comic-book universe is not an easy task. In the past few decades, numerous attempts to duplicate the success of Marvel and its Distinguished Competition have met with painful defeat (Marvel's own **ULTIMATE** line being the exception). And while the **NEW UNIVERSE** falls into the category of those valiant attempts, it did last for an impressive three-year run, helping to launch the careers of great creators and endearing itself to legions of fans.

Twenty years later, we celebrate the creativity and inspiration of the line with five all-new one-shots, complemented by three short stories of **UNTOLD TALES OF THE NEW UNIVERSE**.

The first short story can be found as a hell-bound bonus backup feature in **NEW AVENGERS #16**, featuring **KICKERS, INC** by Jeff Parker, Juan Santacruz and Scott Koblish as the team of football players-turned-paranormal detectives find themselves at the hundred-yard line of Hades.

Next up is **MARC HAZZARD: MERC** by Tony Lee, Leonard Kirk and Kris Justice, appearing in **AMAZING FANTASY #18's** bonus backup. Merc heads down to Miami for one of his most explosive missions!

In **AMAZING FANTASY #19's** bonus backup, a story of **SPITFIRE!** Jenny Swensen straps into the silver Mark I armor to take on a paranormal threat at the infamous Chernobyl Nuclear Facility in the U.S.S.R. By Justin Gray, Marshall Rogers and Al Vey.

UNTOLD TALES OF THE NEW UNIVERSE: STAR BRAND kicks off our one-shots. Jeff Parker and Javier Pulido bring us the tale of Ken Connell, who meets an interdimensional researcher looking for the bearer of the Star Brand. She wants to know more about the man in charge of the most powerful weapon in the galaxy. He wants to know if she's single. The data raises the question: Is Ken worthy to wield the power of the Brand--is anyone?

UNTOLD TALES OF THE NEW UNIVERSE: NIGHTMASK is by Fred Van Lente, Arnold Pander and Kris Justice. After twenty years, the original story arc of the New Universe's Dream Walker is at long last completed! The deadly Gnome has lured Nightmask into one final duel to the death in an artificial dreamscape that's been created specifically to destroy him, using Nightmask's own sister as bait!

UNTOLD TALES OF THE NEW UNIVERSE: JUSTICE is by New Universe alumni Peter David with Carmine Di Giandomenico and John Stanisci. Stalking the New Universe as judge, jury and executioner rolled into one, John Tensen—Justice—has made it his personal mission to make certain that paranormals are using their powers wisely. But when he executes an abusive paranormal in the presence of the para's daughter—potentially sending her down a path of evil—he is forced to question the "justice" of his own actions.

UNTOLD TALES OF THE NEW UNIVERSE: D.P.7 is by C. B. Cebulski, M.D. Bright and John Stanisci. On the run from their captors at The Clinic, the Displaced Paranormals take shelter on an Indian reservation, hoping to find the peace they so rightfully deserve. But they soon discover persecution extends beyond those with enhanced genetic abilities and must overcome an evil that threatens to engulf them all.

UNTOLD TALES OF THE NEW UNIVERSE: PSI-FORCE by Tony Bedard and Russ Braun. Gathered by agent Emmet Proudhawk, five teens with mental powers share a mysterious bond. Combining their psionic power, they can summon the Psi-Hawk, an entity greater than the sum of their parts. But with Proudhawk murdered by agents who want to control them, the Psi-Force team find that power is a curse. Now Proudhawk's long-lost brother arrives, hounded by his own enemies, and the mighty Psi-Hawk is about to meet its match!

These tales take place before the "Black Event," the catastrophic destruction of Pittsburgh that set the **NEW UNIVERSE** on a dynamically different path. We hope you enjoy this time-traveling experience featuring the "classic" versions of these endearing characters and ask you to keep your eyes open for Warren Ellis's incredible re-imagining of the line in **NEW UNIVERSAL**, coming later this year!

-Mark Paniccia

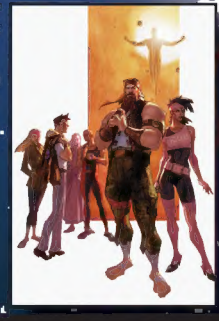
CHECKLIST

☐ STAR BRAND

☐ NIGHTMASK

☐ JUSTICE

☐ D.P.7



☐ PSI-FORCE

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